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SUBJECT: KOREAN ISSUE: REPRESENTATIONS TO UAE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SUMMARY: AFTER OUR MANY REPRESENTATIONS ON SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THOSE OF OTHER LIKE-MINDED GOVERNMENTS, WE BELIEVE UAE OFFICIALS ACCEPT VALIDITY OF MANY OF POINTS WE HAVE MADE ON KOREAN ISSUE, AND ARE PERSONALLY FAVORABLE TO MORE EVEN-HANDED APPROACH. THEY PROMISE-- WE BELIEVE SINCERELY--TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO WORK FOR MORE TRULY NON-ALIGNED POSITION, BUT WHAT THEY CAN DO, GIVEN UAE'S UNWILLINGNESS TO GET INTO A FIGHT WITH ITS ARAB BROTHERS ON THIS ISSUE--MUST BE REALISTICALLY ASSESSED AS VERY LITTLE. END SUMMARY.

2. I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI ON JULY 29 AND RAISED WITH HIM OUR CONCERNS ABOUT TREATMENT OF PUERTO RICO AND KOREA AT NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. THIS BEING FIRST OPPORTUNITY I HAVE HAD TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, I MADE FULL PRESENTATION OF OUR ARGUMENTS ON KOREA, STRESSING ONE-SIDED NATURE OF NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION, OUR DESIRE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AT UN THIS FALL, IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO ISSUE IN LIGHT OF SACRIFICES WE MADE IN PAST TO ASSURE SECURITY OF

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SOUTH KOREA, AND OUR READINESS TO MOVE BEYOND PRESENT SITUATION

TO NEW ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDING THIS STEP PROMISED TO EASE TENSIONS. I CALLED FOREIGN MINISTER'S ATTENTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NEW CALL FOR CONFERENCE OF TWO KOREAN GOVERNMENTS, US AND PRC. AT END I LEFT DEPARTMENT'S AIDE-MEMORIE SUMMARIZING OUR POSITION.

3. SUWAIDI LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, POINTING OUT ONCE AGAIN THAT HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH INTERNAL AFFAIRS THIS PAST YEAR CAUSED HIM TO BE OUT OF TOUCH WITH MANY FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. HE EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, TO LEARN FROM ME THAT NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS THAT WOULD EXCLUDE SOUTH KOREA. AT END OF MY PRESENTATION SUWAIDI SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE KNEW I WAS FAMILIAR WITH BROAD CONSIDERATION THAT DICTATED UAE POLICY, HE WISHED TO REVIEW BACKGROUND OF UAE POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. FROM BEGINNING OF INDEPENDENCE UAEG'S PREOCCUPATION IN CONDUCT OF ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS WAS TO AVOID TAKING SIDES ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES SO AS NOT TO COMPLICATE ATMOSPHERE FOR SOLUTION OF UAE'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS. THIS HAD LED UAE TO DECISION SEVERAL YEARS BACK TO OBTAIN ON "DIVIDED COUNTRY" PROBLEMS. UAE HAD NOW PROGRESSED TO POINT WHERE IT COULD APPROACH ITS FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN SOMEWHAT GREATER CONFIDENCE, BUT PATTERN ALREADY ESTABLISHED OF STAYING OUT OF THESE ISSUES WOULD MAKE IT HARD FOR UAE TO SWITCH GROUND NOW IN ANY VERY VISIBLE MANNER. I SAID THAT AS FAR AS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WAS CONCERNED WE HOPED UAE COULD WORK BEHIND SCENES WITH LIKE-MINDED MODERATES TO HAVE LESS ONE-SIDED LANGUAGE ENDORSED. SUWAIDI SAID HE AGREED WITH MUCH OF OUR ANALYSIS AND WITHIN CONSTRAINTS WHICH HE HAD EXPLAINED HE WOULD "DO MY BEST" TO PROMOTE MORE BALANCED RESOLUTION AT COLOMBO.

4. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TELLS ME HE CALLED ON UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY TO UNDERLINE HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR SECRETARY'S CALL FOR QUADRIPARTITE CONFERENCE ON KOREA. JAPANESE AMB SAYS HE GOT NON-COMMITTAL RESPONSE FROM UNDERSECRETARY. HE ALSO TELLS ME THAT RECENT ROK MISSION HEADED BY MINISTER LEE (THEY DID NOT MAKE CONTACT WITH EMBASSY) SUCEEDED IN SEEING SAIF GHUBBASH, WHO RESPONDED TO THEIR CASE BY SAYING UAE "IN ITS HEART" SIDED WITH ROK BUT AGAIN EXPLAINED FACTORS LIMITING UAE ABILITY TO CHANGE ITS POSITION.

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5. WE HAVE NOW MADE OUR CASE ON KOREA WITH SHAIKH ZAYED, FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI, GHUBBASH, AS WELL AS WITH WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS IN MFA AND PALACE, WHICH ABOUT EXHAUSTS WHAT WE CAN EFFECTIVELY DO WITH THIS GOVERNMENT AT PRESENT TIME. JAPANESE FOR REASONS BEST KNOWN TO THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN CONTENTED TO MAKE THEIR REPRESENTATIONS TO UAEG AT LOWER LEVELS. BOTH BRITISH AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS ARE AWAY AND I DO NOT BELIEVE APPROACHES BY CHARGES, GIVEN LEVELS OF UAEG TO WHICH THEY

HAVE ACCESS, WOULD HAVE MUCH IMPACT. UAEG IS NOW FULLY AWARE
OF IMPORTANCE THAT US AND ITS ALLIES ATTACH TO KOREA. FURTHER
REPRESENTATIONS WILL RUN RISK OF STRAINING UAEG'S INTEREST AND
COULD AS RESULT BEGIN TO BECOME COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
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